

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mac Howell Felts.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a deep sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Mac Howell Felts on January 28, 1995; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a state or community is blessed with such a distinguished citizen and truly dedicated humanitarian as Mr. Mac Felts; and

WHEREAS, as a distinguished educator, successful businessman, and relentless humanitarian, Mr. Felts still remains in the hearts and minds of many; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Felts began his meritorious life in Robertson County, born September 6, 1912, the son of the late R. Moses and Grace Orman Felts; and

WHEREAS, until he left for college, Mac Felts farmed with his father and three brothers in a community a few miles west of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mac graduated from Freed-Hardeman University and Lambuth University and, throughout his collegiate career, Mac Felts was a stellar athlete, lettering in football, basketball, and baseball; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Mr. Felts dedicated his time and talents to promote the worthy goals of quality education and the development of young people; and

WHEREAS, he began his illustrious teaching and coaching career at Michie High School in McNairy County in 1935; and

WHEREAS, in 1937, the Coopertown community was truly blessed when their own Mr. Mac returned to accept a position with Coopertown High School; and in three short years, Mac Felts became principal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Felts remained principal and the popular coach of all the boys and girls athletics until 1948, when he retired to pursue his other love, farming; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mac had been an expert farmer for years and after leaving the teaching profession, he continued to farm more than 1,000 acres in the Coopertown community, proudly raising Simmental cattle; and

WHEREAS, his business interests also included ownership of Mac H. Felts Construction Company and Spin-A-Pin Bowling Alley in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, throughout his diverse, yet distinguished career, Mr. Felts never lost his love for children nor his pursuit of educational excellence in his community and, in 1970, he became an exemplary member of the Robertson County Board of Education; a position he held for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, as an advocate for educational funding, Mr. Felts developed an unusual rapport with the county commission funding body and was the motivational force behind a number of worthy school projects in the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Felts was a meritorious servant of his community and church, serving as an Elder in the Coopertown Church of Christ for more than 35 years; and

WHEREAS, touted as a “rugged individualist”, Mr. Felts was a man of great moral character, and it has been said that his wisdom and courage brought out the best in those around him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Felts shared his many joys and accomplishments with his loving wife of 57 years, Evelyn Goode Felts; and together, they had the pleasure of raising three wonderful daughters, Kay Felts James, Maxine Felts Shelton, and Linda Felts Head; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Felts also leaves behind to celebrate his life his sons-in-law, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, although Mr. Felts has relinquished this life for a far better existence, the legacy of his courage, tenacity and endless energy will live forever in Robertson County and Middle Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause to mourn the death of a beloved Tennessean, Mr. Mac Felts, while also celebrating the life of this successful and selfless man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a presentation copy of this resolution be prepared with this final resolving clause deleted.